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Applicant : David Garrison et al. Filed : January 14, 2002

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed December 13, 2007, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. In light of these amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully assert that all of the claims of the patent application are patentable, and the application is in condition for allowance. A petition for a three month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are submitted contemporaneously with this response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.